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Crooked Billet
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THE PLAN OF LACEY PARK

LOCATION OF
WOODSIDE,
THE KENNEDY TRACT, AND
LONGSTRETH LOT.

RYBERRY AVENUE
AND
WARMINSTER ST.
AND
CEMETERY AVE.
FOR HOMES; AND
YORK STREET FOR BUSINESS.

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HATBORO,
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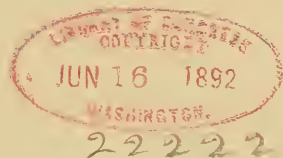
WARMINSTER STREET.

HATBORO, BUILDING LAND.

THE
TRENTON CUT.

OFF.

1702 HATBORO



In the Time that Was!
With Remarks and Illustrations.

AS IT IS NOW! 1892

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View South, on York Street, from Byberry Avenue,

HATBORO.

Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

THIS suburban village, established early in colonial times, on

The Old York Road,

fourteen miles north of Philadelphia, possesses many local attractions unknown to the general public.

It has a unique prestige in provincial and revolutionary reminiscence, that clusters with traditions of almost two centuries,—a long life-history extending through more than six generations who have lived and known **HATBORO** as their home.

Its environment, the beautiful **Manor of Moreland**, is conspicuous for unsurpassed agricultural thrift, and the village a healthy and charming nearby **Home Place.**



Residence of Hon. I. N. Evans, York Street.

Real Estate Offices : { 221 S. Fifth Street, Philadelphia.
 { Hatboro, Pa.

HATBORO

The country north of Philadelphia is pre-eminently ahead of any other direction from the city in **rural beauty**.

The varied prospect both along the **Old York Road** and railway route the whole distance to **Hatboro**, is abounding in interest and romantic scenery. The grandeur of the rolling landscape is enhanced by the many gems of architectural beauty in numerous handsome country seats erected and the tastefully laid out lawns visible by the way adding an additional charm.

The town is now readily accessible from every point; located near the intersection of two railroad lines,—a leading essential of a citizen's **perfect country home**.

By the aid of the camera, are reproduced, with this sketch, outlines of some **public structures** and **ornate village residences**, so that the reader may at once learn **Hatboro** is no longer the village hamlet of former



Residence of Dr. Paul H. Markley, Byberry Avenue.

HATBORO

days,—having kept pace with modern progress. Its residents at the present may enjoy all city living conveniences beside the luxuries of a healthful **Rural Home.**

Those contemplating **suburban life** will find here, beautifully located, a limited area of excellent **building land**, recently plotted for projected future extension of the town, embracing fine sites for villas and centrally located lots for business.

This central borough tract for building extension is convenient to the station, elevated, and partly undulating; contains fine perspective sites in altitudes that admit of no intervening obstructions. The surroundings are healthful and free from malaria; in fact, no **artificial doctoring** is required to render the superficial surface inhabitable or attractive for residence.



Residence of James Van Horn, Byberry Avenue.

HATBORO



The “**Reading Terminal**” and **Trenton “Cut-off”** when in full operation will establish the last essential needful :

Rapid and Frequent Transit,

to make Hatboro and its charming vicinity the **ideal** nearby **Home Place** of many Philadelphians and others.

The village is prominently identified with colonial and revolutionary history. The **first house** was erected of logs by John Dawson, “formerly” a hatter of London, England, in the year 1702. Three years afterward he built a stone house, doing all the carpenter and mason work himself, his daughter Ann acting as his efficient helper. This house was opened as a stopping-place or **Inn**, and for a sign a **crooked billet** of wood was suspended outside. This is the source from which the town also derived the euphonious title of



Residence of Hon. Arthur D. Markley, Northampton Street.

HATBORO

THE CROOKED BILLET.

The historian says: "Bartholomew Longstreth, who emigrated from Yorkshire, England, in 1699, was prominent in advancing the progress of the village and vicinity." He married Ann, the daughter of John Dawson the first inhabitant.

At his death in 1749, a certain one-acre lot and dwelling on York Street by inheritance descended to his heirs, and the title for the same was confirmed by the Orphans' Court at Philadelphia, June first of the same year. This lot of the **early pioneer** mentioned is specified on the draft on Page 2, and the dwelling is the present residence of the writer; a deed dated March 22d, 1787, reciting the foregoing "prior" facts of title record.

The original portion of this **old mansion** bears evidence of colonial structure, and doubtless it was erected more than a century and a half ago.



Residence of Comly Walton, Moreland Avenue.

HATBORO



“This early pioneer, **Bartholomew Longstreth**, first opened the **Old York Road** from ‘the Billet,’ Hatboro, to the Neshaminy in 1705.”

For a long time during the early history of the village the general name in use was **the Crooked Billet**. The battle fought here May 1st, 1778, is called in history **Battle of the Crooked Billet**. Both General Washington and General Lacy in their correspondence headed their letters “**Crooked Billet**.”

But, there is no question, the proper **name** of the village is that derived from the occupation of its first settler, “the hatter.” Evans’ map published in 1749, long before the Revolution, printed it **Hatboro**, as now written.



Residence of Dr. J. B. Carrell, York Street.

HATBORO

Although it is interesting to dwell upon the old **landmarks**, the present is the period to which special attention is directed.

Hatboro as it is Now.

The abandonment of the **Old York Road Stage** Line at the incorporation of the village as a borough in 1871, and the construction of the Northeast Pennsylvania Railroad in 1872—"chiefly a Hatboro enterprise"—marked a **New Era** for the place. Two years afterward a National Bank was organized. Progress and thrift since have been conspicuous, both in **building extension and business expansion**. The present season, **Electricity**, the popular illuminator, is being introduced to brighten up the streets and **Homes**.

This illustrated sketch is issued to awaken an interest in those unacquainted with "or who have inadvertently neglected" the charms of this beautiful



Residence of Samuel J. Garner, Byberry Avenue.

Real Estate and Investments.
Office: York Street.

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suburban town and vicinity; and also to bring before the notice of readers a large block of excellent building land, centrally located in Hatboro, convenient to the railroad station,—recently divided into smaller tracts and building lots.

The increasing railroad enterprises netting this attractive section signifies that this is the appreciating time in land values, and accordingly it is likely that Real Estate will never be lower than during the present season.

For prices, terms, plans, photographic views, and general information apply to **NATHANIEL B. CRENSHAW**, Real Estate Officer,

of the **GIRARD**

Life Insurance,
Annuity, and

TRUST COMPANY,

N. E. corner Broad and Chestnut Streets,

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Philadelphia.

Hatboro, Pa.



Residence of Dr. Thomas Reading, York Street.

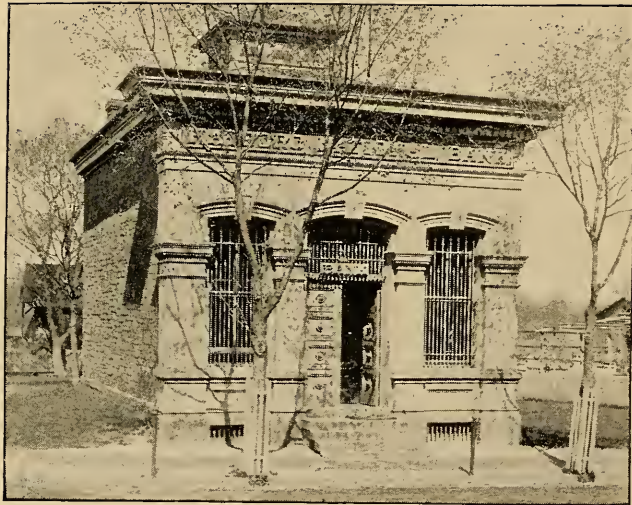
Invitation.

The leading essentials and superiority of location of an established and thoroughly equipped **Home Place**, are features that may be creditably mentioned; but to fully realize and appreciate the general aspects and favorable characteristics of **Hatboro** a personal visit is necessary.

A cordial invitation is therefore extended and an early visit requested before deciding upon a suburban location.

To **Manufacturers**, inducements are offered in buildings and central land to promote and foster light manufacturing; and the fine location near the Railroad junction for **large plants**, offers superior facilities for shipping to all points.

The present season additional improvements may be observed in the erection of the **Electric Light** plant, streets being macadamized and wired for arc lights, business structures in course of erection and a handsome accession to the fine row of **Byberry Avenue Homes** by another ornate Cottage Residence.



I N. EVANS, President.

Hatboro National Bank, York Street.

JAMES VAN HORN, Cashier.

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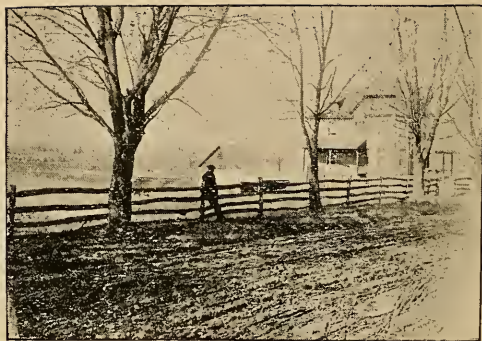
LACEY PARK.

A Projected Handsome Annex for Hatboro. A New Attraction for Healthful Country Homes.

A DELIGHTFUL **retreat**, suggested by **natural conditions** and artistic landscaping. A proposed enterprise recently devised for opening in the near future. A Park, Lake, Rockery, Fountain, Shaded Walks, Electric Light, and Seats for Leisure; all encompassed by a wide boulevard drive, in area comprising about three acres.

The form is in complex easy curves, and a large number of lots fronting on the Spring Water Lake and Shaded Park. The essentials are all on the spot,—the Spring Water, the depression for the Lake, the Stone and Sand for macadamizing are also on the property; the Winding Boulevard is suggested by the undulations, and at the proper time labor and moderate outlay will complete the work.

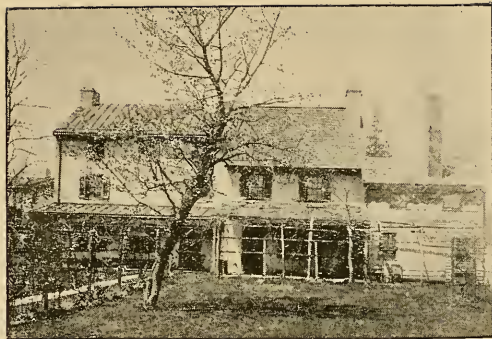
The location is convenient to the station, and East Byberry Avenue is a “cheery” spot even at night, as illuminated with arc electric lights.



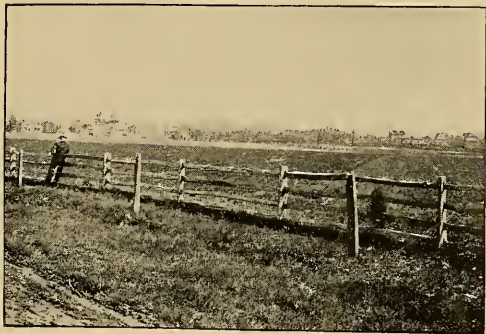
View from East Byberry Avenue Building Sites.



Picturesque WOODSIDE Building Sites.



Rear View, Lawn of "Longstreth Homestead."



View of Kennedy Tract, North from Cemetery Avenue.



Post Office and Pharmacy, York Street.

The Public Spirit,


The Robinson Publishing Co.

Dr. W. T. Robinson, President.

E. O. C. Robinson, Secretary and Treasurer.

A GOOD MOVE.

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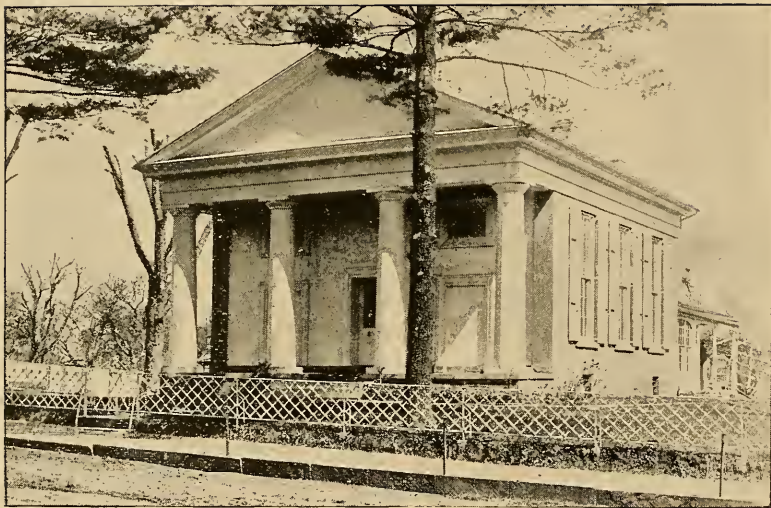
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to
country
Life.

The increasing number of changes each year from City to Suburban Life indicate that the salutary results of Pure Air, Good Water, and other essentials for Robust Health are more appreciated than in former years.

Hatboro residents enjoy all domestic living conveniences : Baths, Indirect Steam Heat, Electric Light, beside the joys of a Luxurious Country Home.

It is high and healthful: Two hundred and one feet in altitude above high tide at Philadelphia.

There is plenty of room: The population has not quite reached one thousand. Fine tracts of building land are now available for **Model Homes**, near the station, East Byberry Avenue, **Picturesque Woodside**, and York Street near the Bank. Photographic views of sites at The Girard Trust Company, corner Broad and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.



1754 • Union Library, York Street. • 1892



UNION LIBRARY.

THIS institution, founded during colonial days, maintains the continued interest and pride of Hatboro, and people of the surrounding vicinity for many miles. As a factor in cultivating a love for literature and general knowledge, it has been a conspicuous landmark. Its twelve thousand volumes receive semi-annual additions; beside the popular magazines and pamphlet literature of the day are found on its tables for use of patrons. The fine building with its spacious **Free Reading Room** is a frequent resort. It is doubtful if so complete a **Library** is to be found outside of the large cities.



Residence of Jonathan T. Rorer, York Street. (Old Longstreth Homestead.)

HATBORO

The Old Longstreth Mansion. A Genuine Colonial House.

THE original portion of this antique dwelling was built by an early pioneer of Hatboro—Bartholomew Longstreth, who died in 1749.

Some alterations and additions to it have since been made. It is conspicuously situated on York Street near the National Bank — on an eminence affording a fine view for several squares each way. It is now the present residence of Major J. T. Rorer.

Many evidences of its age exist, beside the walls and general construction ; in the inside finish ; cornices ; extensive panel work ; heavy doors ; forged, weighty hinges ; locks ; latches and hasps.

The property has a front of one hundred feet, and extends back to Lancaster Street on the east with the same width, and comprises an area of about one acre.

Adjoining on the north are the finest located lots on the main street (opposite the National Bank) for ornate villas and business structures.



Loller Academy. York Street.

HATBORO



LOLLER ACADEMY.

Erected 1811.

A MUNIFICENT gift to Hatboro, by Hon. Robert Loller: soldier, statesman, philanthropist, and associate judge. Major Loller was a member of the first Constitutional Convention of the State of Pennsylvania. Other eminent men of that time were residents of the village, and active in educational interests and affairs. Among them, was Hon. Nathaniel B. Boileau, who was Secretary of State, and also Speaker of the General assembly in 1808. The Academy was a necessity of the day, and for over half a century it was a noted school.

Beside the large patronage of the village and surrounding country, many prominent Philadelphians and others were educated within its walls. It is conspicuous in proportions, and its classic Romanesque steeple is visible from many points in the vicinity.



The Popular Business Emporium of John Van Pelt, York Street.

Hardware, House-Furnishing and
Fine Groceries.

HATBORO

AS IT IS NOW.

It Has

A Borough Municipal Government.

A Good Fire Department.

A Progressive and Public-Spirited "Council."

Electric Arc Lights for the Streets, and Incandescents for Homes.

Macadamized Streets and Good Pavements.

THE SCHOOLS.

In the old "**Educational Hall,**" **Loller Academy,** Comprising Primary, Secondary, and Grammar Departments; and Public High School.

THE CHURCHES.

Three Resident Pastors.

REGULAR SERVICES: Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, and Roman Catholic. Presbyterian Church and Friends' Meeting about one mile distant.

THE STORES.

HATBORO HAS GOOD STORES

Because there is a demand for good things.



The Jones House, Harry Wilson, Proprietor. York Street.

It Has **AS IT IS NOW.**

THE SOCIETIES.

Bray Lodge, F. and A. M.
Fortuna Lodge, K. of P.
Hatboro Lodge, A. O. U. W.
Loller Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Washington Camp, P. O. S. of A.
Lieu't John H. Fisher Post, G. A. R.
Hatboro Building Association.
Washington P. O. S. of A. Cornet Band

THE LITERARY FEATURES.

The Large Union Library and Free Reading Room.

Newspaper. The "Wide Awake" *Public Spirit*.

THE SPORTS.

Athletic Association. TENNIS CLUBS: Olympian and Windermere.

THE HOTELS.

The Old Popular Hostelry,—THE JONES HOUSE

is under new management. The proprietor has introduced the best sanitary appliances, and refurnished the House for the comfort and enjoyment of all patrons; indirect Steam Heat; Electric Light; Baths; Lavatories; and an unsurpassed Cuisine. This House and surroundings furnish the finest appointments for both transient and permanent Summer Guests.



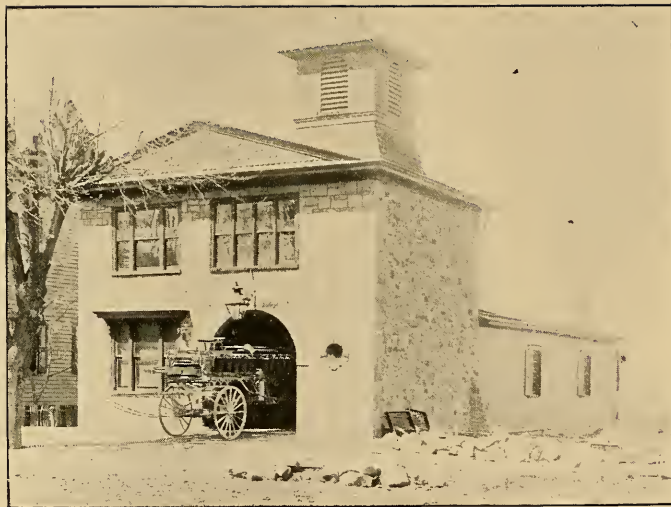
M. E. Church, Kennedy Tract, and View South, on York Street.

Another Hatter, of Hatboro.

HE owned the **Kennedy Tract**, under consideration in this sketch, and choice building land. The old records reveal that **David Rees**, a **Hatter**, (formerly) of Philadelphia, on the thirtieth of January, 1775, conveyed this certain tract of land to **David Kennedy**.

By this data, it would appear that the **name** of the village seems well authenticated by residents pursuing the occupation of **hatter**. The handsome tract since "Revolutionary days" bearing the **name of Kennedy** is conspicuous upon the entrance to the village by the **Old York Road**,—also as being located opposite the fine property and handsome edifice, the Hatboro Methodist Episcopal church. The sites for building are finely situated, and near the business centre and railroad station. The land contains valuable building stone and sand, and has two **open street** fronts.

Specimens of stone and photographic views may be seen at the Girard Trust Company, corner Broad and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia.



Borough Council Hall and Fire Department, York Street.

HATBORO

Location.

HATBORO comprises about six hundred acres, lying both sides of the **Old York Road**, and the land extends to the Bucks County line. The borough land was formerly a portion of Moreland Township, which was located June 4th, 1684, and named in honor of Nicholas More, who came to America with William Penn in 1682.

Hatboro is the most prominent Station and largest Town on the Northeast Pennsylvania (Newhope Extension) of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad, seventeen miles from **Reading Terminal** Station, corner of Market and Twelfth Streets.

It Is Only a Short Distance

from the **Trenton Cut-off**,—a branch of the direct through line, Central Division of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Connections at To the West, **Pittsburg, Chicago, etc.**

Hatboro To the East: **New York, Boston, etc.**

Time to Norristown, 40 minutes.

Time to Trenton, 30 minutes.

Express time from Philadelphia to Hatboro, 39 minutes.



View of Byberry Avenue Homes.



A Drive Out.

IN a suburban carriage drive from the city there is no direction or highway that presents so much interest as **the Old York Road**.

All the way out the landscape diversity is picturesque and romantic. So highly improved and beautiful country is seen in no other suburb of Philadelphia. The rolling fields and old zigzag stone drive continue a varied scene of **rural delight** all the route to **Hatboro**.

On the right and left, after leaving the city limits, this **colonial highway** is conspicuous for the large number of palatial and ornate country seats of Philadelphia's greatest merchants, bankers, railway kings, and manufacturers, who have beautified the roadside of this old Revolutionary track, made memorable as the pathway of the Continental armies. The **Old York Road** is the main avenue for business in Hatboro, and now called York Street.



View of Woodside, Warminster Street.

Woodside.

THIS bower of heavy luxuriant shade has been for years under observation as a charming building spot, conspicuous by the double row of **old pines**, leading from the street to two acres of natural old woodland. In fact, the whole tract of ten acres is heavily shaded with large Pines, Chestnut, Walnut, Aspen, Maple, and the remnants of an Apple Orchard. It is suitable to divide into a number of **handsome sites**. The prospect overlooks the Pennypack Valley and Edge Hill Heights, with view of the Trenton Cut-off Railroad.

Such a quiet, **rural retreat**, so convenient to the station and all household needs, is rare.

View of Woodside on opposite page.



1739. Longstreth Mansion Site, York Street.

HATBORO

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How to Reach Hatboro.

SUMMER TRAIN SCHEDULE MAY 15TH, 1892.

PHILADELPHIA TERMINALS:

Trains leave Ninth and Green Streets 6.45, 9.05 A. M. 2.15,* 4.25,*^E
6.15, 7.00,* 9.30,* 11.15 P. M. SUNDAYS: 9.00 A. M. 1.40, 6.45 P. M.

Trains leave Third and Berks Streets 7.00*, 9.15* A. M. 1.40, 3.45,
6.05*, 6.35 11.25* P. M. SUNDAYS: 9.15* A. M. 1.20, 6.55* P. M.

"*" Through Trains.

"E" Express Trains.

Trains leave HATBORO 5.51,^B 6.48,^B 8.21,^{KG} 11.51^G A. M. 1 51,^G 5.05,^G
6.46^B, 9.34,^G P. M. SUNDAYS: 7.57^B A. M. 5.21,^B 7.45^G P. M.

"B" for Third and Berks.

"G" for Ninth and Green.

Either terminal may be reached from Hatboro, each train, by changing at Jenkintown Station.

RATES OF FARE.

Single Trip Tickets, . . . \$ 47
Two-day Excursion Ticket, " 63
Package, three Tickets, . for 1 00
Monthly School Ticket, . . 5 40

Monthly Business Ticket, . \$8 10
Family 26 Trip " . 8 14
Quarterly Business " . 21 85
1,000 Mile Coupon " . 20 00

Battle of
"Crooked Billet."



Fought
May 1st, 1778.

Battle Monument. York Street.

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